

Attachment to Reply and Amendment dated May 28, 2002

Marked-up Claims 1-4 and 9-10

1. (Amended) A gene encoding a protein having an activity of transferring a glycosyl group to aurone, wherein said gene encodes an amino acid sequence having at least 43% sequence homology with an amino acid sequence selected from SEQ ID NOs: 2, 8 and 10, excluding a gene of Labuatae.
2. (Amended) [The] A gene [according to claim 1] encoding a protein that has an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2, 8, [and] or 10, and that has an activity of transferring a glycosyl group to auronos.
3. (Amended) [The] A gene [according to claim 1] encoding a protein that has an amino acid sequence modified by the addition, deletion and/or substitution with other amino acids of one or a plurality of amino acids in the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2, 8, or 10, and that has an activity of transferring a glycosyl group to auronos, excluding a gene of Labuatae.
4. (Amended) [The] A gene [according to claim 1] encoding a protein that hybridizes to a complementary strand of a nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence encoding an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2, 8, or 10 or a portion thereof under a stringent condition of 5 x SSC, 0.1% SDS and 50°C, wherein said [, and that encodes a] protein [having] has an activity of transferring a glycosyl group to auronos, excluding a gene of Labuatae.

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9. (Twice Amended) A plant into which a gene according to claim 1 has been introduced, and a progeny and a tissue thereof having the [same property as said plant] activity of transferring a glycosyl group to aurones.

10. (Amended) A cut flower of the plant according to claim 1, or a progeny thereof having the [same property as said plant] activity of transferring a glycosyl group to aurones.